

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A gas sensing element includes a solid electrolytic substrate having oxygen ion conductivity, a measured gas side electrode provided on a surface of the solid electrolytic substrate so as to be exposed to a measured gas, and a reference gas side electrode provided on another surface of the solid electrolytic substrate so as to be exposed to a reference gas. The measured gas side electrode is covered by a porous electrode protecting layer. A limit current density of the electrode protecting layer is in a range from 0.04 mA/mm<sup>2</sup> to 0.15 mA/mm<sup>2</sup> on a unit area of the reference gas side electrode.